DEVELOPING THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY NUCLEAR ENGINEERING PROGRAM

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The Minority/Majority University Partnerships (MMUP) in Nuclear Engineering and Health Physics

- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (DOE/NE)
- Administered by South Carolina State University with the assistance of South Carolina Universities Research and Education Foundation (SCUREF)
- Addresses the decline in the number of independent Nuclear Engineering Programs and the increasing workforce requirements in nuclear science (e.g., new generation reactors, reactor re-licensing, waste management, biotechnology, national security, etc.)

Minority Education Awards

Minority Institutions (HBCUs, HSIs, AISES)



Nuclear Engineering Programs
Majority Universities

- Pilot Program: South Carolina State University and the University of Wisconsin Madison
- Other MMUP:
 - · University of New Mexico/New Mexico State University
 - Tuskegee University/University of Cincinnati
 - Texas A&M/Texas A&M at Kingsville/Prairie View A&M
 - North Carolina A&T/NC State University

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The SCSU-UW Articulation Agreement

- Signed in July, 2000
- On September 5, 2002, SCSU received approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to offer the program
 - The UW once again showed support for the program in July, 2002
 - The first graduating class is expected in Summer of 2006
- BS Degree in Nuclear Engineering from SCSU/UW
- SCSU BS/UW Nuclear Engineering BS
- SCSU BS/UW Nuclear Engineering MS
- SCSU BS/UW Nuclear Engineering MS, fast-track

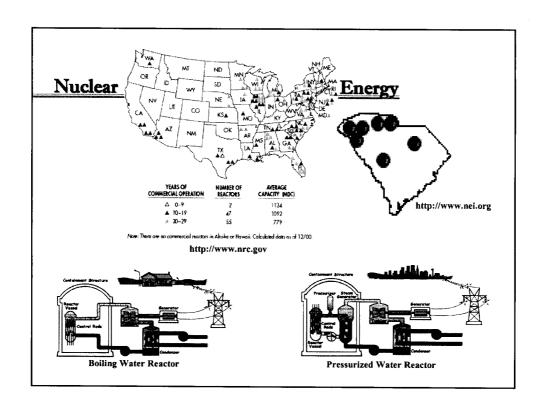
Nuclear Engineering at SCSU

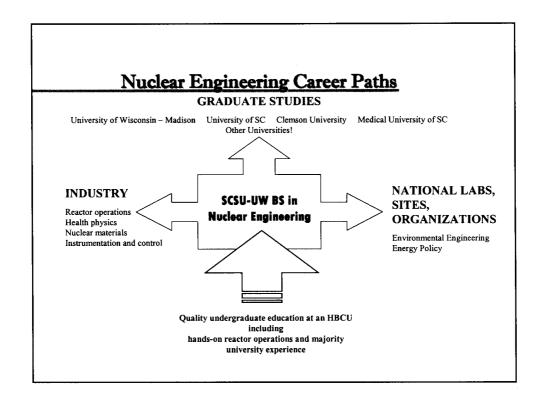
South Carolina State University partnering with University of Wisconsin-Madison

Meeting our nation's needs to maintain and enhance the nuclear energy knowledge base through the diversification of the workforce

The Nuclear Energy Industry in South Carolina

- Almost 60% of the demand for electricity in SC is provided by nuclear power
 - Seven of over 100 operating nuclear plants are in SC
 - Oconee Units have successfully renewed their operating licenses
- Westinghouse Savannah River Site is in Aiken, SC – a DOE facility with internship opportunities for faculty and students
 - Hands-on experience
 - State-of-the-art equipment





Making the Program Happen

- Successful program
 - Creating a steady pipeline of quality students who will be ready for industry and/or graduate studies, primarily in nuclear engineering
- Three-prong attack
 - Recruitment and retention of students and faculty
 - Collaboration with other universities and industry
 - Research at the undergraduate level

Recruitment

Goal

Increase the DOE/NE Scholarship applicant pool Increase the number of students in the program bringing their own funds

- ■Visitation of ten area high schools in Fall, 2002
- Presentations given by SCSU students who have attended nuclear energy recruiting seminar
- Solidifying contacts with high school counselors, and math and science teachers
- Expanding presentations to demonstrate the role of radiation in everyday life



DOE/NE Scholarships

LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

minimum 1000 SAT minimum 3,0/4,0 GPA

SCSU STUDENTS

minimum 3.0/4.0 CUM, 3.0/4.0 ENGINEERING, MATH & SCIENCES

One full scholarship: ~ \$78k over 4.5 years Reducing this is quickly becoming a priority

How?

Outside scholarships	- \$12k
In-state tuition at the UW	- \$15k
SC lottery money	- \$16k
	- \$43k



ESTIMATED FULL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ONE STUDENT, 4.5 YRS

	out-of-state	in-state	other scholarships
SCSU Freshman Fall & Spring	\$12k	\$12k	-\$7k
SCSU Sophomore Fall & Spring	\$13.2k	\$13.2k	-\$7k
UW distance learning course	\$2k	\$0.6k	
SCSU Junior Fall & Spring	\$14.6k	\$14.6k	-\$7k
UW Junior Summer	\$6k	\$3k	
SCSU Senior Fall	\$8k	\$8k	-\$3.5k
UW distance learning course	\$2.2k	\$0.7k	
UW Senior Spring	\$13k	\$7k	
UW Senior Summer	\$6.6k	\$3.6k	
TOTAL	\$78k	\$62.7k	\$38.2k

Research & Collaboration with Industry and Academia

- Search for research solicitations (aided by SCUREF and others)
- Submission of quality research proposals by partnering with industry and majority universities
- Form collaborations with industry
 - Development of SCSU Radioisotope Lab
 - Formation of our Nuclear Engineering Sub-Committee for our Industrial Advisory Council

The SCSU Nuclear Energy Student Center

Mission

To enhance the educational experience at SCSU

Objectives

- Provide tutoring in math and science
- Develop and implement recruiting ideas
- Establish the SCSU Student Section of the American Nuclear Society
- Institutionalize research at the undergraduate level

Today

- SC Commission on Higher Education Approval (September 5, 2002)
- SCSU students successfully completed 41 units at the UW
- Program enrollment is at twelve (various options and sources of funding)
- New faculty member, Eduardo B. Farfan, PhD, University of Florida
- Relationship with Westinghouse Savannah River Site for faculty and student research participation
- Coming soon to SCSU...the SCSU Student Section of the American Nuclear Society

Tomorrow

- Major recruitment drive is underway: bringing nuclear energy to secondary schools in South Carolina
 - Exploiting nationwide connections to bring other minorities to SCSU
- Solidifying contacts with area high schools with regular visits and demonstrations
- Institutionalizing research at the undergraduate level
- Developing and maintaining solid give-and-take relationships with DOE facilities and the nuclear industry
- Establishing relationships with other Nuclear Engineering Programs

